

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

## SUBSTANCE USE-DISORDER PREVENTION THAT PROMOTES OPIOID RECOVERY AND TREATMENT FOR PATIENTS AND COMMUNITIES ACT

SPEECH OF

**HON. JOSEPH CROWLEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 22, 2018*

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to urge Congress to pass a Motion to Recommit on H.R. 6, which includes my Opioid Workforce Act.

Many of the victims of the opioid crisis are clear: the young people whose lives have been cut short and the working individuals who struggle every day to break the bonds of addiction. But there is also a wider impact: families left without breadwinners to support them, children left without a parent to raise them, and communities slowly hollowed out as more and more individuals fall victim to addiction. That means that our strategy to address this national crisis must be comprehensive, multi-faceted, and sustainable.

This Motion would bring us closer to a comprehensive strategy that ensures all Americans have access to treatment for substance use disorders. By increasing the supply of physicians trained in addiction and pain management while expanding access to medication-assisted treatment, this motion would ensure that individuals with substance use disorders are not left behind. Further, by doubling the size and scope of our national investment in the opioid epidemic, this motion strengthens our public health infrastructure to address this epidemic of tragic proportions.

I am proud that my recently introduced legislation, the Opioid Workforce Act, was included as part of this motion. This legislation would provide additional residency positions to hospitals that have or are establishing residency programs in addiction medicine, addiction psychiatry, or pain management. Without more physicians trained in treating substance use disorders, we won't be able to address the opioid epidemic.

But beyond this motion, and beyond this bill, we must consider the downstream effects on communities that were already once left behind by the failed war on drugs. Many communities in my district are still recovering from the aftermath of the failed "tough on crime" tactics of the 80s and 90s. Residents have not properly dealt with their addictions because of the fear of criminal retribution. While we work as a nation to address the opioid crisis, we must not repeat our past mistakes that left behind our most vulnerable communities.

Addressing this epidemic will take an investment of federal resources, multiple perspectives at the table, and persistence to get it right. I urge my colleagues to pass this motion as a robust first step on this long-term journey.

## HONORING THE MEMORY OF SERGEANT JOEL A. HOUSE

**HON. BRUCE POLIQUIN**

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 25, 2018*

Mr. POLIQUIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate this year's 11th Anniversary of the death of Sergeant Joel A. House, United States Army, and to recognize the Sgt. Joel A. House Summer Camp Fund's 10th Annual Beach n BBQ Day on Silver Lake in Lee, Maine.

Sgt. Joel House was an extraordinary man and soldier, serving in the 2nd Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division stationed at Fort Hood, Texas and deployed to Iraq. He made the ultimate sacrifice on June 23, 2007 in Taji, Iraq when an improvised explosive device detonated near his vehicle.

Since Sgt. Joel House's heroic death in 2007, his parents Paul and Deanna, beloved family, the Town of Lee, and our Great State of Maine have never forgotten his service and sacrifice. It has become tradition for his family and the people of Maine to pause and honor Sgt. House each and every year through the Sgt. Joel A. House Summer Camp Fund's Beach n BBQ fundraiser.

This year, on June 30, 2018, we will pay tribute to his life with this event, and support Maine youth as they seek to attend the summer camp of their choice, as Joel loved to do. Sergeant House's family and friends know how proud he would be to help so many Maine kids achieve their dreams.

Today, the legacy of Sergeant Joel House and his selfless sacrifice lives on in the Town of Lee. We are so proud that this man lived, and hailed from the heart of our Great State of Maine. I am humbled and honored to serve in the United States Congress on behalf of the House family and the residents of Lee, Maine, who are always looking to honor the memory of our brave heroes like Sgt. Joel House.

Mr. Speaker and distinguished colleagues, please join me in recognizing the 11th Anniversary of the death of Sergeant Joel A. House, and in assuring his family, friends, and community that he will never be forgotten.

## IN RECOGNITION OF OFFICER JAMES FRANCIS WINN

**HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 25, 2018*

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the retirement of Officer James Francis Winn, a thirty-five-year veteran of the Dennis Police Department.

Born in Springfield, Massachusetts, Jim got his Associates Degree in Law Enforcement from Springfield State Technical Community

College. He then went on to receive a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice at Western New England College. In 1983 Jim began working for the town of Dennis as a summer-appointed special officer. He soon rose to becoming a Dispatcher, and finally, a Patrol Officer.

Jim is dedicated to the safety of children and families in the town of Dennis. Throughout his thirty-five years on the force and thirty-one years as a Patrol Officer, Jim held positions ranging from K-9 Officer, to D.A.R.E. Officer, to Family Services Officer. He has been praised for his work at a Bike Safety Program and with the students of the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School District, to name just a few. Further, Jim has received many awards and recognitions for his incredible work for the people of our community.

In 2003, Jim married his wife Anne. They have two children, Lindsay and Ryan, and I wish them many years of happiness and more time spent with their family.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor James Francis Winn and his commitment to ensuring the safety of his community. I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing his hard work and dedication as he celebrates his retirement.

## INTRODUCTION OF THE PAUL LAURENCE DUNBAR COMMEMORATIVE COIN ACT

**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, June 25, 2018*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the Paul Laurence Dunbar Commemorative Coin Act. This bill recognizes one of the first influential African-American poets in American literature and benefits the Dunbar Alumni Federation, the alumni association for the Paul Laurence Dunbar Senior High School, which is historic for being the first public high school for African Americans in the United States, and which is my alma mater.

Paul Laurence Dunbar was born June 27, 1872, to freed slaves, and went on to pen such classics as *Majors and Minors* and *Lyrics of Lowly Life*. He also composed the lyrics to *In Dahomey*, the first all-African-American musical produced on Broadway. By the late 1890s, Dunbar had become a prominent author, having had his poems published in major national newspapers, including *The New York Times*. Dunbar died February 9, 1906, at age 33.

Paul Laurence Dunbar Senior High School was established in the District of Columbia in 1870 as the Preparatory High School for Colored Youth. The school was renamed for Dunbar in 1916.

The Dunbar Alumni Federation was organized in 2002 to provide scholarships and other financial support to students and graduates of Paul Laurence Dunbar High School.

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